

December 23, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Section 90.20 and 90.175 of the Commission's Rules for
Frequency Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in the Private Land Mobile
Radio Below-470 MHz Band; WT Docket No. 02-285

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On September 19, 2002, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* asking for comments on a Petition for Rulemaking (Petition) that was submitted by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International Inc. (APCO). In its Petition, APCO asked the Commission to allow competitive coordination for public safety pools below 512 MHz. We are filing these comments in support of allowing open competition of public safety pools to both public safety and industrial business coordinators.

McCall Communications is a private land mobile radio dealership in Ottumwa, IA. Our customer base is about 60% public safety users and the remaining are industrial users. The current process for coordination of public safety services is slow and costly. This is why we urge the Commission to allow competitive coordination of public safety pools among industrial business and public safety coordinating organizations.

The public interest would be served by allowing competitive coordination for three important reasons. First, costs would be lowered due to the nature of competition. This is extremely important to my customers that are taxpayer funded and have budgetary constraints. Secondly, the speed-of-service would increase. After submitting an application for the public safety pool it currently takes months to complete, yet for a similar system in the industrial pools completion takes a matter of weeks. Lastly, efficiency and customer service will have to improve to retain a customer base.

For the above stated reasons we hope the Commission will allow competitive frequency coordination among public safety and industrial business frequency coordinators for public safety pools.

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